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1. In my report of 18 March 1994 (S/1994/311), I noted that the Security Council might wish to consider authorizing the extension of the mandate of the United Nations Mission in Haiti (UNMIH) in its current form for a period of three months, to allow for the possibility of reactivating the mission with a minimum of delay, should the political impasse be overcome and implementation of the Governors Island Agreement resumed.

2. By its resolution 905 (1994) of 22 March 1994, the Security Council extended UNMIH's mandate until 30 June 1994 and requested me to report to the Council at such time when conditions existed in Haiti for the deployment of UNMIH for purposes consistent with paragraph 5 of the Governors Island Agreement (see S/26063) and, taking into account circumstances at the time of the report, to make specific recommendations on the composition of UNMIH and the scope of its activities within the overall personnel levels established in Security Council resolution 867 (1993) of 23 September 1993.

3. In the light of the failure of the Haitian military authorities to fulfil their obligations under the Governors Island Agreement and to comply with relevant Security Council resolutions, the Security Council adopted resolution 917 (1994) on 6 May 1994 imposing additional sanctions against Haiti. The Council noted that the military authorities in Haiti continued to impede the deployment of UNMIH and decided that measures adopted in resolution 917 (1994) and earlier relevant resolutions would not be completely lifted, among other conditions, until the creation by those authorities of the proper environment for the deployment of UNMIH, the retirement of the Commander-in-Chief of the Haitian Armed Forces, the resignation or departure from Haiti of the Chief of Staff of the Haitian Armed Forces and of the Chief of the Metropolitan Zone of Port-au-Prince.

4. In the statement of conclusions adopted at their meeting in New York on 3 June 1994 (S/1994/686, annex), the Friends of the Secretary-General on Haiti expressed their determination to promote the full deployment of UNMIH when conditions permitted and envisaged the reconfiguration and strengthening of the mission. They invited the Secretariat to take appropriate measures to prepare for the quick return of UNMIH to Haiti.

5. The Ad Hoc Meeting on Haiti of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Organization of American States (OAS), held during the twenty-fourth session of the OAS General Assembly at Belém, Brazil, unanimously adopted on 9 June 1994 a resolution (MRE/RES.6/94) which called on all member States to support measures by the United Nations to strengthen UNMIH in order for it to assist in the restoration of democracy through the professionalization of the Armed Forces and the training of a new police force, to help maintain essential civil order and protect the personnel of international and other organizations involved in human rights and humanitarian efforts in Haiti.

6. The further deterioration of the situation in Haiti has substantially changed the circumstances under which the present UNMIH was planned. In the light of the recommendations adopted by the OAS Foreign Ministers as well as the conclusions drawn by the Friends of the Secretary-General on Haiti at their meeting on 3 June, and bearing in mind changing realities on the ground, the Council may wish to consider modifying the original mandate established for UNMIH. In that case, it would be necessary to estimate the additional resources which would be required for the mission to accomplish its new tasks.

7. Meanwhile, in view of the continuing determination of the international community to remain actively involved in the efforts to resolve the crisis in Haiti, I recommend that the current mandate of UNMIH be extended for a period of one month. This extension would enable the Friends of the Secretary-General on Haiti and the members of the Security Council respectively to undertake consultations amongst themselves and with the parties concerned on the possible strengthening of UNMIH and its role in the overall attempts of the international community to find a long-overdue solution to this crisis.